

COLONIAL REGIONAL LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2014

Members Present: Dr. Charles Ponquinette, Carol Brown, Veronica Reid, Denese Gillis
Committee Members

Members Absent: Cheryl Westray, Committee Member

Others Present: Timothy Jones, Human Rights Advocate

Potential Affiliate: None

Affiliates Present: Independent Perspectives, Martha's Place, Therapeutic Interventions, Inc., Thoroughgood House, LEVOC Family Services, Virginia Supportive Housing, Community Behavior Support, Hope Seekers, VABODE

Affiliates Absent: Youth & Family Counseling

1. Call To Order

The Colonial Regional Local Human Rights Committee was called to order at 5:35 p.m. January 16th 2014, by Denese Gillis; for the purpose of hearing business pertaining to the agenda, transactions, or other matters that may be presented to the committee.

2. Review and Approval of Agenda

January 16th 2014 Agenda was reviewed.

Action: Ms. Ried made a motion to approve the agenda as amended.

Second: Ms. Brown

Vote: Unanimous

3. Review and Approval of Minutes

October 17th 2013 Minutes were reviewed.

Action: Ms. Reid made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Second: Ms. Brown

Vote: Unanimous

4. Announcements

None

5. Public Comment

None

6. Human Rights Advocate Comments – Timothy Jones reminded providers that if they are sent to attend the committee meetings they must have a signed cooperative agreement in place. Mr. Jones informed providers that there are two committee members that have terms that end in June 2014 and that the affiliates will need to work to get those positions filled.

Affiliates were also reminded the newly revised quarterly and annual reports are to be used from this point forward.

7. Old Business

Hope Seekers formally requested affiliation with Colonial LHRC and presented their amended Human Rights Policies and Procedures for approval.

Motion: Ms. Reid moved to approve Hope Seekers amendments of their Policies and Procedures.

Second: Ms. Brown

Action: Vote was unanimous

8. New Business

None

9. Affiliate Reports

***All providers noted below went over their 2nd quarter reports during the meeting:**

- A. Community Behavior Support – Reports no incidents/ no complaint
- B. Independent Perspectives – Reports no incidents/complaints
- C. LEVOC – Reports no incidents/ 1 complaints
- D. Martha's Place – Reports no incidents/ 1 abuse/neglect allegation
- E. Therapeutic Interventions, Inc. – Reports no incidents/complaints
- F. Thoroughgood House – Reports no incidents/ 4 abuse/neglect allegation
- G. VABODE - Reports no incidents/ 1 complaints
- H. Virginia Supportive Housing – Reports no incidents/complaints
- I. Youth and Family Counseling – Absent – No report
- J. Hope Seekers – Reports no incidents/ no complaint

9. Next meetings scheduled for: 4/17/2014, 7/17/2014

10. Closed Session – The committee voted to go into closed session per VA Code 2.2-3711(A), for the purposes of hearing information pertaining to the complaints/allegations against LEVOC, Martha's Place, Thoroughgood House.

The Committee voted to come out of closed session and each committee member certified that the only information discussed was the complaints/allegation against LEVOC, Martha's Place, Thoroughgood House. The committee made the following recommendations:

The committee made no recommendations for Martha's Place.

The committee made no recommendations for LEVOC.

The committee made no recommendations for Thoroughgood House but requested they submit a copy of the Dr. Report to the office of Human Rights.

11. Adjournment: The LHRC meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Action: Motion made by Ms. Reid to adjourn the meeting

Second: Ms. Brown

Vote: Unanimous